Population Growth - 1980 to 2020   *FORM AA*

Regulatory Basis: p.35, 20440, Appendix 1

Rating Panel Comments

231.8%

Age of Existing Library   **FORM A**

Regulatory Basis: p.37, 20440, Appendix 1

Rating Panel Comments

Library is 2 separate buildings - one built in 1936, one in 1976.

The library was built in 1936 and was renovated in 1976.

Rating Basis:
4 = No Existing Facility
3 = 1957 or older
2 = 1958-1962
1 = 1963-1974
0 = 1975-Present

RATING: 3

Date of Most Recent Structural Renovation
Rating Basis:
4 = No Renovation
3 = 1957 or older
2 = 1958-1962
1 = 1963-1974
0 = 1975-Present

RATING: 0

EVALUATION FORM
Visalia Library (1060)

Remodeling, Conversion & Addition-Expansion   *FORM E*

Regulatory Basis: p.26, 20440, (12) (E)   RATING: ☐

Rating Panel Comments

The old library, built in 1936 will be remodeled and joined to the newer part of the library. Old library will be turned into children's library.

Combined use of the two buildings in the remodel will make for more effective use of the site.

The project involves 2 adjacent buildings. The original 1936 City Library, which is contaminated with mold and primarily used as a storage now, and the 1976 Visalia City/Tulare County Library. The 1936 building would be renovated for children's services, literacy, and storage; the 1976 building will be remodeled. The courtyard is shared and a lobby will connect the buildings. The 1936 building is closed because of mold; roof poor, walls need bracing; HVAC not up to code; lead paint and asbestos; non-ADA compliant. The 1976 building is structurally sound; HVAC inefficient; non-ADA compliant; acoustics poor, no flexibility or expandability in spatial relationships; overcrowded; lighting poor. The State Historic Preservation Office determined the project was a local matter.

The proposed project involves renovating two buildings, which are connected by a covered courtyard. Together they comprise the current library campus. The oldest of the facilities was built in 1936 and is currently used to store library materials. Its major deficiencies include: presence of hazardous materials (i.e., mold, asbestos, and lead paint); the need enhance load bearing strength; seismic retrofit; non-compliance with ADA codes; inadequate lighting; roof at the end of its lifecycle. The second facility, built in 1976, currently serves as the public library. Major deficiencies include: inefficient HVAC system; inadequate lighting; non-compliance with ADA codes; inadequate acoustical control; inadequate space for all services and functions. The feasibility study, which is less than a half-page in length, indicates that the project is feasible.

Factors Considered:	R1	R2	R3	R4
Structural	3	4	4	2
Lighting	2	3	3	4
Energy	4	3	4	4
Health & Safety	4	3	3	4
ADA	4	4	4	4
Acoustical	4	3	3	4
Flexibility	4	4	3	4
Spatial Relationships	4	3	4	4
Site Conditions	4	3	3	2
Feasibility Study	4	3	3	2
Totals	37	33	34	34
	3.7	3.3	3.4	3.4

EVALUATION FORM
Visalia Library (1060)

Community Library Needs Assessment   ***FORM F***

RATING: ☐

Regulatory Basis: p.26, 20440 (d) (2) an d p.61, 20440, Appendix 3

Rating Panel Comments

Needs were determined primarily via a questionnaire - mostly current library users were surveyed. Not very comprehensive.

The main document was compiled in 1999, supplemented by a survey of library customers at 15 branch libraries in 2001. "There is a 41% adult functional illiteracy rate in Tulare County."

Needs were assessed with a community survey in 2001, and then another in 2002 specifically aimed at special interest organizations and populations. Surveys included County-wide population (15 branches and 2 bookmobiles) since this project will house Tulare County Library administrative offices as well as act as Visalia Branch Library. The document contains a detailed analysis of city community characteristics. The space needs assessment excluded the meeting room since it cannot be expanded. Space constraints in the project dictated allocations and, thus, are not optimal.

The needs assessment process included input from the residents through a variety of methods beginning in 1999. Input methods included focus groups of residents and library staff; customer service survey; and a survey of special interest groups in the community.

Rating Basis:
1. Methodology & Community Involvement.
2. Community Analysis/Community agencies & organizations, service area
   demographics
3. Analysis of service needs/consistency with demographics
4. Service limitations for existing facility (if applicable)
5. Space Needs Assessment

	R1	R2	R3	R4
1	3	2	2	3
2	3	3	3	3
3	3	2	3	3
4	3	3	3	4
5	3	2	3	3
Totals	15	12	14	16
	3.0	2.4	2.8	3.2

EVALUATION FORM
Visalia Library (1060)

Library Plan of Service   *FORM G*

Regulatory Basis: p.67, 20440, Appendix 4   RATING: [   ]

Rating Panel Comments

Plan of Service enumerates specific goals, all of which seem consistent with the Needs Assessment.

Adding service indicators would improve this application.

The plan of service responds to 8 needs identified. Limited funding, staffing, and space needs identified beyond the current project's limitations prevent all needs from being addressed. The goals and objectives are branch specific and consistent with the county library's mission. Responses include separate children's/YA areas, computer center, business/career, and Spanish language materials, and literacy program areas.

The plan of service responds the needs assessment findings and includes specific and clearly written goals, objectives, and service indicators. The eight needs identified are currently being addressed but lack of funding, staffing, and space inhibit their development to the extent they are needed by the community. The plan includes provision of separate areas for both children and young adults, a computer center, business and career services, Spanish language materials and literacy program spaces.

Rating Basis:
1. How Project responds to Needs of Residents
2. How well mission, roles, goals, objectives, service indicators are documented.
3. Types of services well documented.
4. How project fits into jurisdiction-wide Plan of Service

	R1	R2	R3	R4
1	2	3	3	3
2	2	4	3	3
3	2	3	3	3
4	2	3	3	3
Totals	8	13	12	12
	2.0	3.3	3.0	3.0

EVALUATION FORM
Visalia Library (1060)

Library Building Program　　　　　　　　*FORM H*

Regulatory Basis: p.69, 20440, Appendix 5　　　　　RATING: ☐

Rating Panel Comments

Building Program combines two existing buildings resulting in a more effective overall structure.

The building program implements the plan of service, but is limited to fixed spaces, not optimal design parameters. Space descriptions do not include adjacencies. There are general comments about space finishes, electronics and telecommunications - nothing is fully detailed.

The building program provides for the basic spaces required by the plan of service, but descriptions of areas and spaces are cursory at best and contain no listing of furnishings and equipment to be located there or the spatial relationships to other areas. There is a single-page spatial relationship graphic. There is a master list of furnishings and equipment, but there is no indication of the location for the pieces.

Rating Basis:
1. How well Building Program implements Plan of Service
2. How well Building Program documents general requirements for Library Building
3. How well are the Spatial Relationships described
4. How well are individual spaces sized and described

	R1	R2	R3	R4
1	2	3	3	1
2	2	3	3	1
3	2	3	3	2
4	2	3	3	1
Totals	8	12	12	5
	2.0	3.0	3.0	1.3

EVALUATION FORM
Visalia Library (1060)

Conceptual Plans   *FORM I*

Regulatory Basis: p.27, 20440 (d) (5)   RATING: [   ]

Rating Panel Comments

Non-assignable square footage is shown as a total number on the plan.

Program/actual SF and total non-assignable SF are on plan legend and color coded.

The conceptual drawings adequately incorporate the requirements of the building program.
Programmed and actual square footages, including non-assignable, match almost exactly.

Rating Basis:
1. How well the net-assignable square footage on plan matches BP, PoS and NA
2. How well the non-assignable square footage on plan matches BP, PoS and NA
3. How well Spatial Relationships on plan match what was is called for in BP, PoS, and NA
4. How well the elevations, sections and specification implement the BP and PoS

	R1	R2	R3	R4
1	3	3	3	4
2	3	3	3	4
3	3	3	3	2
4	3	3	3	2
Totals	12	12	12	12
	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

EVALUATION FORM
Visalia Library (1060)

Integration of Electronic Technologies   *FORM L*

Regulatory Basis: p.68, 20440, Appendix 4   RATING: [   ]

Rating Panel Comments

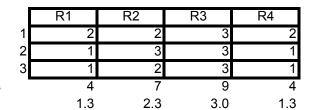Brief discussion of technology - limited treatment in Building Program.

Creation of a computer training lab improves resource availability for the community.

The technology plan is minimal, primarily because of lack of funding availability from Tulare County. Internet access was made available in 2000 through Gates Initiative grants. Limited online subscription databases, supplemented through shared San Joaquin Valley Library system resources. The crux of the plan is to continue to provide and expand the computer lab training class and add a second computer lab to help satisfy demand. This is a poor plan for technology integration.

The importance of technology to the provision of public library services is evident in the planning documents, but the implementation of technology applications is hampered by lack of available funds. Gates grants have been used to provide Internet access and a computer lab. Access to a Web-based library catalog and to the Internet and basic electronic resources will be available and expanded as funding becomes available. Computer training is a basic need and will be greatly expanded with the completion of the proposed project.

Rating Basis:
1. Appropriateness of the electronic technologies in Plan of Service, based on Needs Assessment.
2. How well the integration of electronic technologies is documented in the Plan of Service.
3. How well the integration of electronic technologies is in the Building Program.

	R1	R2	R3	R4
1	2	2	3	2
2	1	3	3	1
3	1	2	3	1
Totals	4	7	9	4
	1.3	2.3	3.0	1.3

4 = Outstanding
3 = Very Good
2 = Acceptable
1 = Limitations
0 = Serious Limitations

EVALUATION FORM
Visalia Library (1060)

Appropriateness of Site   *FORM M*

Regulatory Basis: p.39, 20440, Appendix 1   RATING: ☐

Rating Panel Comments

There are 18 public transit stops located within 1/4 mile of the site. "The library is already an official part of Downtown Visalia and is considered an anchor in said area."

Located in downtown Visalia. No local zoning requirement for on-site parking. It was determined that the remodel/expansion will not have impact on downtown parking. City has already expanded parking near the library. Total street parking available is 160; on-site will be 16.

This renovation/expansion project involves two buildings that are connected via a covered courtyard. The two buildings will be joined to form a single building, encompassing the space that is currently the courtyard. The library is located in the historic downtown district, in close proximity to the major east/west and north/south thoroughfares. The site is accessible by public and private transportation, by bicycle, and by foot.

Rating Basis:

1. Equal Access for all residents in Service Area.
2. Accessibility via Public Transit.
3. Accessibility via Pedestrian and Bicycle.
4. Accessibility via Automobile.
5. Adequacy of Automobile Parking.
6. Adequacy of Bicycle Parking.

7. Overall Parking Rationale.
8. Shared Parking Agreement (if applicable).
9. Visibility of site and proposed library
   building in service area.
10. How well site fits community context
    and planning.
11. Site selection process and summary.

	R1	R2	R3	R4
1	3	4	3	3
2	4	4	3	4
3	3	2	3	3
4	3	3	3	4
5	3	2	3	2
6	4	3	3	4
7	3	2	3	2
8		*not applicable*		
9	3	2	3	3
10	4	3	3	4
11	4	3	3	3
Totals	34	28	30	32
	3.4	2.8	3.0	3.2

EVALUATION FORM
Visalia Library (1060)

Site Description   *FORM N*

Regulatory Basis: p. 45, 20440, Appendix 1   RATING: [   ]

Rating Panel Comments

Library will remain at current site. Property is large enough to accommodate future expansion.
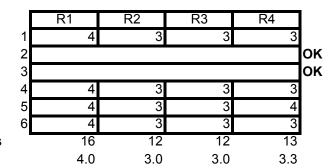
The remodel project combines two existing facilities to create a more effective anchor tenant for Downtown Visalia.

Site has been location of library since 1936. Both buildings share a common courtyard. Older building has been used as storage area.

The site size is adequate to accommodate the proposed project. The library has occupied the site since 1936.

Rating Basis:
1. Adequacy of size of site.
2. Drainage problems.
3. Geotechnical problems.
4. Appropriateness of site configuration (Boundary Survey).
5. Appropriateness of site/surrounding area (Visual Record).
6. Appropriateness of site based on placement of building, parking, access
   roads, pathways, expansion and parking.

	R1	R2	R3	R4	
1	4	3	3	3	
2					OK
3					OK
4	4	3	3	3	
5	4	3	3	4	
6	4	3	3	3	
Totals	16	12	12	13	
	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.3	

EVALUATION FORM
Visalia Library (1060)
Ratings Summary

BOND ACT CRITERIA	RATING	
Population Growth		**232%**
Age and Condition	3.1	
Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs	3	
Plan of service integrates appropriate technology	2	
Appropriateness of site	3	
Financial capacity (new libraries only)		**yes**

Remodel/Expansion - 2nd Priority